

**Table 1. Labor Force and Employment in the Little Rock HMA,\* 2000 to Current**

|                                  | 2000  | 2001  | 2002  | 2003  | 2004  | 2005  | 2006  | 2007  | 2008  | 2009  | 2010  | 2011  | 2012  | 2013  | 2014  | 12 Months Ending |             |
|----------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------------------|-------------|
|                                  |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       | August 2014      | August 2015 |
| Labor force                      | 311.5 | 310.3 | 311.7 | 312.7 | 323.1 | 334.4 | 337.4 | 340.6 | 344.2 | 341.5 | 347.8 | 350.0 | 348.2 | 342.3 | 339.2 | 339.1            | 346.3       |
| Resident employment              | 300.0 | 297.0 | 296.5 | 296.3 | 306.8 | 318.8 | 321.8 | 325.0 | 328.0 | 318.7 | 323.0 | 324.6 | 324.9 | 320.0 | 320.5 | 319.2            | 328.7       |
| Unemployment                     | 11.4  | 13.3  | 15.2  | 16.4  | 16.3  | 15.6  | 15.6  | 15.6  | 16.2  | 22.9  | 24.9  | 25.4  | 23.3  | 22.3  | 18.6  | 19.9             | 17.6        |
| Unemployment rate (%)            | 3.7   | 4.3   | 4.9   | 5.2   | 5.1   | 4.7   | 4.6   | 4.6   | 4.7   | 6.7   | 7.2   | 7.2   | 6.7   | 6.5   | 5.5   | 5.9              | 5.1         |
| Total nonfarm payroll jobs       | 321.6 | 324.3 | 320.8 | 323.5 | 328.2 | 332.9 | 340.9 | 346.1 | 347.9 | 338.3 | 337.6 | 338.8 | 342.5 | 344.6 | 345.8 | 345.1            | 349.2       |
| Goods-producing sectors          | 49.7  | 47.5  | 44.5  | 43.1  | 42.6  | 43.0  | 43.9  | 44.4  | 43.7  | 39.4  | 37.1  | 36.9  | 37.1  | 36.1  | 36.3  | 35.9             | 37.7        |
| Mining, logging, & construction  | 16.6  | 17.0  | 17.0  | 17.5  | 17.4  | 17.7  | 18.6  | 19.5  | 19.2  | 17.2  | 17.0  | 17.0  | 17.0  | 16.4  | 16.3  | 16.0             | 17.4        |
| Manufacturing                    | 33.2  | 30.5  | 27.5  | 25.7  | 25.2  | 25.3  | 25.3  | 24.9  | 24.4  | 22.2  | 20.2  | 19.9  | 20.0  | 19.7  | 20.0  | 19.8             | 20.3        |
| Service-providing sectors        | 271.9 | 276.8 | 276.2 | 280.3 | 285.5 | 289.9 | 297.1 | 301.8 | 304.2 | 298.9 | 300.5 | 301.9 | 305.4 | 308.5 | 309.5 | 309.2            | 311.5       |
| Trade                            | 51.8  | 52.5  | 51.5  | 51.1  | 52.5  | 53.1  | 53.7  | 53.9  | 54.1  | 52.2  | 52.2  | 52.5  | 52.6  | 52.6  | 52.8  | 52.8             | 53.0        |
| Wholesale trade                  | 16.1  | 16.6  | 16.2  | 16.2  | 16.7  | 17.1  | 17.5  | 17.3  | 17.7  | 17.1  | 16.5  | 16.0  | 15.7  | 15.6  | 15.0  | 15.1             | 15.0        |
| Retail trade                     | 35.7  | 35.9  | 35.3  | 34.9  | 35.8  | 36.0  | 36.2  | 36.6  | 36.4  | 35.1  | 35.7  | 36.5  | 36.9  | 37.0  | 37.8  | 37.7             | 38.0        |
| Transportation & utilities       | 18.5  | 18.0  | 17.2  | 17.1  | 16.4  | 16.4  | 16.7  | 16.5  | 15.4  | 12.9  | 12.1  | 12.9  | 14.0  | 14.4  | 14.1  | 14.1             | 14.1        |
| Information                      | 9.2   | 9.2   | 9.2   | 9.4   | 9.5   | 9.3   | 9.3   | 9.4   | 9.0   | 8.4   | 7.9   | 7.6   | 7.3   | 7.2   | 6.7   | 6.8              | 6.6         |
| Financial activities             | 18.7  | 19.2  | 19.2  | 19.5  | 19.5  | 19.5  | 20.0  | 20.2  | 19.9  | 19.5  | 19.0  | 19.2  | 19.8  | 20.2  | 20.5  | 20.5             | 20.7        |
| Professional & business services | 39.2  | 39.6  | 38.7  | 40.0  | 41.1  | 41.7  | 43.1  | 43.4  | 43.3  | 41.4  | 43.5  | 43.6  | 43.5  | 44.8  | 45.2  | 45.3             | 44.7        |
| Education & health services      | 37.0  | 38.7  | 39.8  | 41.1  | 42.2  | 43.6  | 45.2  | 46.9  | 48.1  | 49.3  | 50.0  | 50.4  | 51.8  | 51.3  | 51.3  | 51.3             | 52.0        |
| Leisure & hospitality            | 23.9  | 24.7  | 24.6  | 24.9  | 25.8  | 27.0  | 27.8  | 28.7  | 29.4  | 29.3  | 29.6  | 29.8  | 30.5  | 31.2  | 32.1  | 31.8             | 33.1        |
| Other services                   | 11.9  | 12.2  | 12.4  | 12.9  | 13.9  | 14.1  | 14.5  | 14.8  | 15.9  | 15.4  | 14.9  | 15.2  | 15.4  | 15.7  | 16.1  | 16.0             | 16.2        |
| Government                       | 61.5  | 62.9  | 63.7  | 64.3  | 64.6  | 65.2  | 66.8  | 68.0  | 69.1  | 70.5  | 71.2  | 70.8  | 70.7  | 71.0  | 70.8  | 70.7             | 71.1        |
| Federal                          | 9.7   | 9.7   | 9.5   | 9.4   | 9.2   | 9.1   | 9.1   | 9.1   | 9.3   | 9.5   | 9.8   | 9.5   | 9.5   | 9.5   | 9.5   | 9.5              | 9.7         |
| State                            | NA    | NA    | NA    | 28.9  | 29.4  | 29.8  | 30.7  | 31.4  | 31.9  | 33.0  | 33.3  | 33.2  | 33.2  | 33.8  | 34.1  | 34.0             | 34.3        |
| Local                            | NA    | NA    | NA    | 26.0  | 26.0  | 26.3  | 27.0  | 27.5  | 27.9  | 28.0  | 28.1  | 28.1  | 28.0  | 27.6  | 27.2  | 27.3             | 27.1        |

\* Little Rock-North Little Rock-Conway HMA.

NA = data not available.

Notes: Numbers may not add to totals because of rounding. Data are reported in thousands. Current includes data through August 2015.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

**Table 2. Population and Household Trends in the Little Rock HMA,\* 2000 to Forecast**

|                   | 2000    | 2010    | Current | Forecast | Average Annual Change |          |                 |          |                     |          |
|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|----------|-----------------------|----------|-----------------|----------|---------------------|----------|
|                   |         |         |         |          | 2000 to 2010          |          | 2010 to Current |          | Current to Forecast |          |
|                   |         |         |         |          | Number                | Rate (%) | Number          | Rate (%) | Number              | Rate (%) |
| <b>Population</b> |         |         |         |          |                       |          |                 |          |                     |          |
| Little Rock HMA*  | 610,518 | 699,757 | 737,200 | 760,800  | 8,925                 | 1.4      | 6,925           | 1.0      | 7,875               | 1.1      |
| <b>Households</b> |         |         |         |          |                       |          |                 |          |                     |          |
| Little Rock HMA*  | 241,094 | 279,225 | 294,200 | 303,800  | 3,825                 | 1.5      | 2,775           | 1.0      | 3,200               | 1.1      |

\* Little Rock-North Little Rock-Conway HMA.

Notes: Rates of change are calculated on a compound basis. The current date is September 1, 2015. The forecast date is September 1, 2018.

Sources: 2000 and 2010—2000 Census and 2010 Census; current and forecast—estimates by analyst

**Table 3. Housing Inventory, Tenure, and Vacancy in the Little Rock HMA,\* 2000, 2010, and Current**

|                         | Little Rock HMA* |         |         |
|-------------------------|------------------|---------|---------|
|                         | 2000             | 2010    | Current |
| Total housing inventory | 261,917          | 306,882 | 324,700 |
| Occupied units          | 241,094          | 279,225 | 294,200 |
| Owner-occupied          | 160,466          | 181,770 | 186,000 |
| %                       | 66.6             | 65.1    | 63.2    |
| Renter-occupied         | 80,628           | 97,455  | 108,200 |
| %                       | 33.4             | 34.9    | 36.8    |
| Vacant units            | 20,823           | 27,657  | 30,500  |
| Available units         | 11,232           | 14,877  | 15,800  |
| For sale                | 3,094            | 3,872   | 4,575   |
| Rate (%)                | 1.9              | 2.1     | 2.4     |
| For rent                | 8,138            | 11,005  | 11,200  |
| Rate (%)                | 9.2              | 10.1    | 9.4     |
| Other vacant            | 9,591            | 12,780  | 14,700  |

\* Little Rock-North Little Rock-Conway HMA.

Notes: Numbers may not add to totals because of rounding. The current date is September 1, 2015.

Sources: 2000 and 2010—2000 Census and 2010 Census; current—estimates by analyst

**Table 4. Residential Building Permit Activity in the Little Rock HMA,\* 2000 to Current**

| Type of Building Permit | 2000  | 2001  | 2002  | 2003  | 2004  | 2005  | 2006  | 2007  | 2008  | 2009  | 2010  | 2011  | 2012  | 2013  | 2014  | 12 Months Ending |             |
|-------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------------------|-------------|
|                         |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       | August 2014      | August 2015 |
| <b>Little Rock HMA*</b> |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |                  |             |
| Total                   | 4,501 | 4,586 | 6,034 | 5,745 | 5,727 | 5,954 | 4,998 | 4,454 | 2,855 | 3,606 | 4,700 | 4,300 | 4,609 | 3,279 | 2,082 | 1,961            | 2,842       |
| Single-family           | 2,240 | 2,474 | 2,764 | 3,515 | 3,590 | 4,196 | 3,767 | 2,877 | 1,842 | 1,781 | 1,896 | 1,514 | 1,851 | 1,681 | 1,514 | 1,223            | 1,533       |
| Multifamily             | 2,261 | 2,112 | 3,270 | 2,230 | 2,137 | 1,758 | 1,231 | 1,577 | 1,013 | 1,825 | 2,804 | 2,786 | 2,758 | 1,598 | 568   | 738              | 1,309       |

\* Little Rock-North Little Rock-Conway HMA.

Notes: Numbers may not add to totals because of rounding. Current includes data through August 2015.

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, Building Permits Survey; estimates by analyst

**Table 5.** Median Income in the Little Rock HMA,\* 1999, 2009, and 2013

|                         | Median Income (\$) |        |        | Average Annual Change (%) |              |
|-------------------------|--------------------|--------|--------|---------------------------|--------------|
|                         | 1999               | 2009   | 2013   | 1999 to 2009              | 2009 to 2013 |
| Median Family Income    | 45,900             | 60,700 | 62,100 | 2.8                       | 0.6          |
| Median household income | 39,145             | 45,967 | 48,304 | 1.6                       | 1.2          |

\* Little Rock-North Little Rock-Conway HMA.

Sources: Median Family Income—U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Policy Development and Research; 1999 median household income—2000 Census; 2009 and 2013 median household income—U.S. Census Bureau, 2009 and 2013 American Community Survey 1-year data